(iv) Electrification of all un-electrified Below Poverty Line (BPL) households in the country free of charge.

Pending proposals for economic development of Tamil Nadu

*216. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the proposals pending before Government for industrialisation, trade promotion and setting up of industries for the over-all economic development of Tamil Nadu; and

(b) by when these proposals are likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH) (a) and (b) Under the liberalised industrial policies, investment decisions are based on the commercial judgment of the entrepreneurs, which in turn is based on the initiative taken by the State Governments/ UTs in creating conducive environment by way of providing basic infrastructural facilities and other incentives. Central Government supplements their efforts to the extent possible by providing support/ incentives under its various schemes.

Tamil Nadu accounts for the highest share among States and UTs at 18.8% in the total number of letter of intents and direct industrial licences issued between August, 1991 to January, 2005. Receipt and sanction of such proposals is a continuous process.

Restrictions on the movement of foreigners in NE States

*217. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some North-Eastern States want the Central Government to ease restrictions on the movement of foreigners in their areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the names of the States which have made this request and the reasons given in support thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY) : (a) Yes, Sir.